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tions in their province. Some of the resolutions follow:

That at the conclusion of war the governments of the world consider the nationalisation of all works for the manufacture of war armaments.

That every effort be made to bring about peace.

That eggs and poultry be bought on a quality basis.

That housework be thrown open to women on the same terms as men.

That medical inspection be carried on in rural schools.

That the feeble-minded and mentally deficient be segregated in proper institutions.

To the Grip

THE hours I spend with thee, dear one,

Are as a dream of love to me;

I count the shivers one by one—

My Shiver! My Shiver!

Each twinge of pain, each sneeze, I curse

And try to drown thee in quinine;

I sneeze and sneeze and sit and nurse

My Noserie! My Noserie!

Oh, nose and eyes that hurt and burn,

Of things I try, I count the cost,

The friends with remedies must yearn

To make me cross; to make me cross.

Mealy Potatoes and Other Hints
Mrs. L. J. Lawrence, Richmond Co., Que.

WHILE sending in an order for patterns, I am going to add a few household hints. I am glad to hear of new ideas and if I have any, am glad to share them with others.

People sometimes ask us what kind of potatoes we have as they are so white and mealy. I tell them this is on account of the way they are prepared. They are peeled as early as possible in the morning and allowed to stand in clean, cold water until time to get dinner. I put the kettle on the stove and have the water boiling when the potatoes are put in. After they are cooked and drained, I return at once to the stove and shake and roll them until the steam is all out.

Here is a hint for cleaning the potato kettle or any vessel in which vegetables have been cooked. As soon as vegetables are removed, put in a little boiling water, put on cover and set away from the stove. Then when you are ready to wash them it is easy to do so and they do not have to soak until next mealtime.

I use white oilcloth strips (a yard will make three) over the tablecloth where the men sit. They are wiped off after every meal and look much better than a dirty edge on the tablecloth. If the table is set all the time, these strips are removed until the next meal.

When cleaning steel knives add the jelly in the bottom of the soap dish to the powdered brick and they will clean much more easily.

When cakes get burnt do not try to cut or scrape off with a knife. Just get the nutmeg grater and grate all over until it is a golden brown. This is especially useful when icing a cake, as it makes it so smooth. When grated enough turn upside down to shake off the dust.

Toothpicks are more convenient and sanitary than broom straws for testing cakes and puddings.

When finishing a hem on tablecloths, sheets, etc., instead of breaking and tying the thread, turn back the hem on the machine and sew back a quarter of an inch. The hem will be firm at the corners and will not ravel.

Winning the Wilderness

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"The failure is complete. Fortunately, I lost but little," he said.

"Why hasn't Mr. Aydelot been notified?" she demanded.

"It doesn't seem queer he wasn't," Thomas Smith assented.

Something in his face made Virginia distrust him more than she trusted Darley Chambers.

"Now, Mrs. Aydelot, seen' your last bridge is burned, I'm humane enough to help you. You said this mornin' you wanted to get away. Mr. Smith and I control some funds together, and I'll give you a reasonable figure, not quite so good as I could 'a' done previous to this calamity—but I'll take the Aydelot place off your hands." Chambers smiled triumphantly.

"The Aydelot place is not for sale, Good afternoon." And Virginia left the office without more words.

What she was gone Chambers turned to Smith with a growl.

"It's danged hard to turn agin a woman like her. What made you so bitter?"

Smith half grinned and half snarled in reply:

"Oh, her neighbor, Shirley, you know."

Hopeless and crushed, Virginia sat down on the bench before the Wyker House to wait for June to be brought to her from the stables. It was the saddest moment she had known in the conflict with the wilderness.

"Thy shoes shall be iron and brass," ran the blessing of Asher through her mind. "It must be true to-day as in the desert long ago. And Asher lives by the memory of his mother's blessing."

The drooping shoulders lifted. The dark eyes brightened.

"I won't give up. I'm glad the money's gone," she declared to herself. "We did depend on it so long as we knew we had it."

"What luck, Mrs. Aydelot?" it was John Jacobs who spoke as he sat down beside her.

"All bad luck, but we are not discouraged," she replied bravely, and Jacobs read the whole story in the words.

"Mrs. Aydelot," John Jacobs's sharp eyes seemed to pierce to her very soul as he said slowly, "I believe you are not discouraged. You believe in this country, you, and your neighbors. I believe in it, and I believe in you."

Stewart and I had to dissolve partnership when Carey's Crossing dissolved. He took a claim. It was all he could do. I went back to Cincinnati, but only for a time. I'm ready to start again. I will own a company of town builders, not brewery builders. You must not look for favors in a whiskey-ridden place like this. There'll be no salvation to rule our town."

"What of this?" Jacobs continued. "I have some means. I'm waiting for more. I'll invest them in Grass River. Go back and tell your homesteaders that I'll make a small five-year loan to every man in the settlement according to his extreme needs. I'll take each man's note with five per cent. interest and the privilege of renewing for two years if crops fail at the end of the term. I am selfish, I'll admit," he declared, as Virginia looked at him incredulously, "and I want dollar for dollar—always—something more. My people are popularly known as Shyllocks. But you note that my rate of usury is small, the time long, and that I want these settlers to stay. I am not trying to get rid of them in order to speculate on their land in coming days of prosperity—the days when you will be landlords over broad acres and I a merchant prince. I say again, I believe in the West and in your farmer people who must turn the West from a wilderness to a land of plenty. I'm willing to risk something on your venture."

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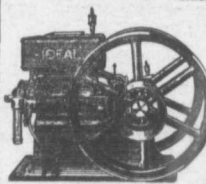
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